

ARTICLE 25

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

25. Professional Development Advisory Committee

- 25.1 The "Professional Development Advisory Committee" shall offer professional growth opportunities to unit members so they might assume responsibility for their own professional development and be consistent with the district's goals for student outcomes.
- 25.2 All offerings shall be approved in advance by the Professional Development Advisory Committee. Any flier or advertisement for the offering shall clearly state that it has been approved by the Professional Development Advisory Committee and shall state the number of District units which will be earned.
- 25.3 Credit for salary schedule movement shall be on increments of $\frac{1}{2}$ or full units. To qualify for a $\frac{1}{2}$ unit of credit the professional growth activity must consist of 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours of actual classroom attendance. A full unit must consist of 15 hours of actual classroom attendance.
- 25.4 **Professional Development Advisory Committee Membership**
- 25.4.1 The Professional Development Advisory Committee shall be composed of four (4) MDEA representatives – one from each level (e.g. elementary, middle school and high school) and the MDEA's Instruction and Professional Development Committee Chairperson. The district shall appoint four (4) representatives to the Committee, one of whom shall be the Director of Curriculum and Instruction.
- 25.4.2 The Professional Development Advisory Committee shall select its own chair.
- 25.4.3 Decisions shall be made by consensus where possible. Should a vote be required, action must be taken on an affirmative vote of at least five (5) members.
- 25.5 **Purpose of the Committee**
- 25.5.1 To approve professional development for advancement on the salary schedule.